

Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2008

5:00 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair:** CW Ward-Pugh
 Vice-Chair: CM Heiner
 Members: CW Green, CM Owen, CM Engel and CM Benson

Absent: **CM Johnson (Excused)**

Also Present: **CW Welch**

Chairwoman Ward-Pugh announced the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Pending Legislation

[R-99-06-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A BICYCLE LOOP FROM WATERFRONT PARK TO SOUTHERN INDIANA ACROSS THE K AND I BRIDGE.](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to Approve made by Tom Owen and seconded by Judy Green.

Discussion: There was no one present to speak to this item.

Motion to Table made by Robin Engel and seconded by Judy Green.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Hal Heiner, Robin Engel, Tom Owen, Stuart Benson, Tina Ward-Pugh, Dan Johnson
Against: (None)
Abstain: (None)
Absent: (None)

[R-104-06-08 A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PERMANENTLY EXEMPT THE DELTA QUEEN FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA LAWS.](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Discussion: This item was **Held** in Committee. CM Owen stated he will have a maritime engineer present at the next meeting to speak to this item.

[O-97-05-08 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO METHAMPHETAMINE CONTAMINATED PROPERTY, PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE \[AS AMENDED\].](#)

Status: Return to Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor:
Vicki Welch

Rick Blackwell

Additional Sponsor:

Madonna Flood

Robert Henderson

Motion to Approve made by Robin Engel and seconded by Dan Johnson.

Discussion: Matt Lemme, JCAO, discussed a proposed amendment with the committee. In the interest of public safety and property owners he suggested the following amendment to 156.057(A)(3):

(c) In the instance of methamphetamine contamination of a property, the Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness Department shall notify the Code Official responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and the property owner at the time of:

i. the demolition of the property; or

ii. the receipt of certification of compliance with methamphetamine
decontamination regulations from the appropriate certifying state agency.

Any such notice to property owners shall be by certified mail return receipt

The amendment is necessary to comply with state law regarding decontamination procedures. Under state law it is the responsibility of the property owner to have a certified contractor handle the decontamination. The contractor then provides the Kentucky Division of Waste Management a certificate of decontamination. The Division then makes the determination whether or not to issue a certificate of compliance with decontamination. That certificate would then be sent to the local health department. The previous amendment suggested greater responsibility on the local agency than they actually have. The proposed amendment also calls for the property owner to be notified in addition to the code official.

Motion to Amend made by Judy Green and seconded by Hal Heiner.

By unanimous vote, the amendment passed.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Hal Heiner, Robin Engel, Tom Owen, Stuart Benson, Tina Ward-Pugh, Dan Johnson

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to **Old Business as Amended.**

VOTING RESULTS: For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Judy Green, Hal Heiner, Robin Engel, Tom Owen, Stuart Benson, Tina Ward-Pugh, Dan Johnson

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

[R-27-02-08 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A PROPOSED CORRIDOR TO SERVE TRAFFIC FROM THE TUCKER STATION/BLANKENBAKER PARKWAY AREA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES AND TO CONNECT REHL ROAD WITH TAYLORSVILLE ROAD.](#)

Status: In Committee - Held

Committee: Transportation/Public Works

Primary Sponsor: Stuart Benson

Discussion: This item **Remained Held.**

Special Items for Discussion - Mr. Barry Barker of TARC - Issue of Fare Increases and Route Changes; Louisville Transportation Policies

Barry Barker, TARC, gave an update on the state of TARC and the upcoming fare increase. The following was discussed:

- Mass Transit Trust Fund Occupation License fee
 - Anticipated that it would be up 4.5%
 - Actually down 0.5%
 - This means that will end the year 1.2 million dollars less than anticipated and the starting point for next year will be lower than anticipated as well
- Contract for fuel
 - Goes through July at \$2.41 per gallon
 - Could be \$4.06 per gallon next year
 - Fuel budget will rise from 6 million dollars this year to approximately 10 million dollars next year
- Dramatic increase in interest in public transit
- Many cities are also cutting service and raising fares
 - Those who are not doing so fall into two categories
 - Those who have recently passed a new tax or levy
 - Mr. Barker will provide a list of those to the committee
 - Those who have fuel contracts that run out in October
- 0.25 cent fare increase and a million dollar reduction in service
 - No increase in Trolley or TARC 3 fares
 - No increase in cost of youth summer pass
 - Night Owl service will be discontinued
 - Modifications to eleven routes
 - Fares cover 15% of operations
- Plan on buying 11 additional clean diesel buses and 3 additional hybrid buses
- Shelve an annex building that had planned on building and convert the money over for purchasing buses
- Radio system replacement
- Access road to Ninth Street so buses can get off the property quicker
- CMAQ funding from Indiana for new express route with parking lot
- One of eight cities selected for doing the planning for a travel management coordination center
 - First phase, planning phase, is coming to an end
 - Three to four of those cities will be selected for the next phase, hope to be a part a that
 - One stop shopping for people looking for a ride
- Targeted improvements at over 50 bus stops and other on street infrastructure projects
- Possible use of vans for connector routes
- De-commissioning of old buses
- 70% of cost to run a bus is in the labor
- Moving away from petroleum
 - Would have only hybrids if had money to do so, cost about \$200,000
 - Hybrids are 25% more efficient
- Light Rail

Motion to Adjourn made by Judy Green and seconded by Hal Heiner.

Without objection the meeting Adjourned at 6:01 P.M.

***NOTE: Legislation sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard by the Metro Council at the next meeting on June 26, 2008. Full discussion is available on audio by request of the Metro Council Clerk's Office (502) 574-3902.**

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